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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Morning Meeting of 11 May 1965

DDCI was in the Chair -- DCI was on the Hill.

Current Intelligence Briefing covered: Dominican Republic, South Vietnam, questionable evidence [redacted] Bolivia, Uruguay, Venezuela, Cuba, Ecuador, Soviet missiles, and Dahomey.

DDCI instructed Houston and Chamberlain to get word to the DCI on the Hill about the tenuous and dubious nature of the [redacted] evidence. DDCI commended the reporting [redacted] on this subject.

Referring to Soviet claims of a breakthrough in solid propellants and development of a 2,000-mile missile, DDS&T said we were faced with the quandary as to where the testing was taking place. [redacted]

A/DDP reported on [redacted] the good services being performed in [redacted] by Army Special Forces teams, the State Department instruction that the Embassy not place too many restraints on [redacted] and CINCLANT's concern over Haiti in the light of reports that Duvalier's health is poor.

DDS&T reported that OXCART 129 flew at 84,000 feet at Mach 3.29 -- over specifications -- yesterday.

DDS&T reported on the fact that the [redacted] installation had been responsible for the recent failure of the CORONA second bucket.

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Bross reported on his luncheon yesterday with Blake and [redacted] who are much concerned over leaks and security breaches, particularly in the space field. 25X1

Houston reported that Rep. Pucinski has asked for our help in his making a statement on the Floor in support of [redacted] policy. Houston was directed to make available the unclassified memo prepared yesterday. 25X1

DDS reported on plans for construction of a recreation facility, perhaps on property of the Bureau of Public Roads, under the auspices of the National Amateur Aquatic Association. Senator Robert Kennedy is interested and may call the DCI. It was agreed that we would not object.

Kent reported on discussions with [redacted] [redacted] commented on Cuban apprehension of US plans for Cuba, the lack of Cuban reaction to U2 flights, prospects for a good sugar crop, and the mystery of Che Guevara's current "disappearance." 25X1 25X1

Kent referred to the NIE on Brazil which will come up at USIB tomorrow. [redacted] consultants favored the paper.

There was a discussion of DCI's desire that developments within components be covered at Morning Meetings. It was agreed that Executive Director will prepare a schedule.

DDCI asked AD/CI to look into reports of food shortages scattered points in the Dominican Republic and to advise if this is a problem of any dimension.

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